

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Acquisition of Urban Los Angeles Property for Park and Recreation Purposes

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will hold a hearing to hear comments on its proposal to buy up to 32 acres of vacant land in an area near downtown Los Angeles called **the Cornfields**. Located in an abandoned railyard between Chinatown and the L. A. River, the property is owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company. **The hearing will be held at Castelar Elementary School multipurpose room, 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, on Thursday, June 28, 2001, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** Off-street parking is available next to the building. The hearing room is accessible to people with disabilities.

Information about the proposal is available on the DPR website at www.parks.ca.gov and is posted or available for review at the following locations: Los Angeles Public Library branches at Chinatown, Cypress Park, Lincoln Heights, Little Tokyo, and Boyle Heights (Ben. Franklin); the River Center and Gardens at 570 W. Avenue 26 in Cypress Park, and the California State Parks Office on the 5th floor of the MWD Building at 700 N. Alameda Street.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments from local public officials and the general public on reasons this property should or should not be acquired by DPR for park purposes. DPR staff will make a background presentation before opening the podium for comments. A summary of the comments will be submitted to the Legislature prior to acquisition.

Questions about this notice may be directed to Roger Willmarth at (916) 653-8674, or by e-mail at rwillm@parks.ca.gov.

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